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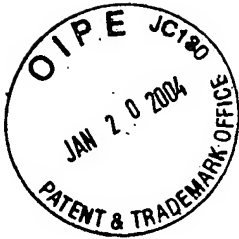
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98, information relating to the above-identified application is hereby disclosed. Inclusion of information in this statement is not to be construed as an admission that this information is material as that term is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

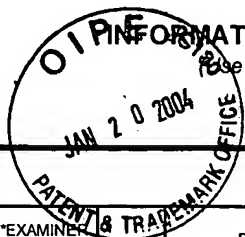
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Copies of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

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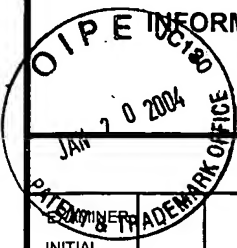
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